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## Special Points of Interest

- June is National Safety Month!
- Goose problem? Contact Roads and Grounds – x3303
- Warm weather is on the way – watch for pedestrians, bicyclists on the road!
- Stinging insects and ticks are here...be aware!

## ES&H Concern or Suggestion?

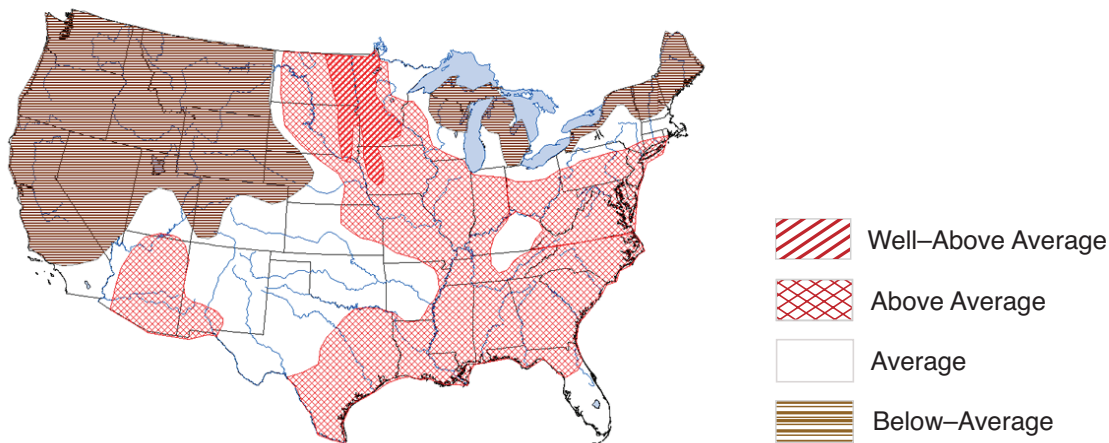
- Talk to your SSO or submit ideas from the ES&H homepage, click REPORT ES&H CONCERN in the right hand column.

## Current Issues: Flooding

**As a result of a very wet winter, an above average flood risk is predicted for the Midwest, including northern Illinois. What can you do at home to prepare for a flood?**

You should understand your home's risk for flooding, know how to shut off the utilities (electric, gas and water) and secure your outdoor possessions. Also consider stockpiling items such as first aid supplies, food, bottled drinking water, a portable radio, flashlights, batteries, whistles, and emergency building materials. Listen to the radio for emergency instructions. For additional information on flooding, go to FEMA: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/index.shtm>

**Flood Risk**  
As of 2/19/2010



## Reminders:

- Never drive through a flooded area (18 inches of water can float a car)
- Never walk, swim, or enter flood waters
- Respect the hazards: being swept away, building collapse, water/mud damage, electrocution, land collapse

## Safety Tip: Always Read the Label

The man whose hands are pictured at left forgot this golden rule of chemical use. Excited about his new tool box, he decided he'd clean all of his tools before putting them away. He used Castrol Super Clean/Degreaser, a powerful cleaner with a pH of 13, without protecting his hands. After it began to sting, he rinsed them with water for fifteen minutes to no avail. His hands were swollen for eight days, and it's unknown how much of the chemical was absorbed that might damage his internal organs.



Read the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) BEFORE using chemicals. If you have questions about the appropriate PPE, talk to your supervisor or SSO.



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